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1. I TALKED TO FONMIN THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH HONDURAS. HE SAID OAS SEC GEN ORFILA CALLED HIM THIS AFTERNOON TO TALK ABOUT MEDIATION PROCESS FOR SOLUTION HONDURAN/SALVADORAN DISPUTE ON BASIS 1974 PROPOSAL DRAWN UP BETWEEN BORGONOVO AND HONDURAN FONMIN AT THAT TIME. ORFILA SAID HE WOULD QTE LIKE TO BE AROUND UNQTE IN ANY HONDURAN/SALVADORAN TALKS TO IMPLEMENT THAT PROPOSAL. APPARENTLY BORGONOVO IN HIS REPLY TO ORFILA HEDGED AND SAID IT WOULD DEPEND ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS LIKE HOW FAR HONDURAS WILLING TO GO AT THIS TIME. BORGONOVO INSISTED HE PREFERRED INITIATE MEETING ALONE WITH GOH REPRESENTATIVES TO START NEGOTIATIONS AND, IF IT BECAME NECESSARY, TO WORK OUT PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF FOUR SPANISH SPEAKING
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JURISTS AS MEDIATORS ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS 1974

PROPOSAL.

2. IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH BORGONOV (REF 2)
HE SAID NOTHING OF 1974 PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATION AND INSISTED THAT EL SALVADOR WANTED NO
THIRD PARTY INVOLVED IN ITS BILATERAL SOLUTION OF
PROBLEM WITH HONDURAS. TODAY HE REVEALED THAT THE
SALVADORAN PROPOSAL MADE TO HONDURAS LAST WEEK WAS TO
GO BACK TO 1974 PROPOSAL WHICH HE SAID COVERED ALL
ASPECTS OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN HONDURAS AND SALVADOR
INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR DELIMITING THE BOUNDARY. HE
INSISTED THAT IF THE HONDURANS WERE NOW IN AGREEMENT WITH
THAT PROPOSAL ALL THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED WOULD BE TO
INITIAL TEXT AND THAT NEITHER MEDIATION OR OAS
INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE STILL PREFERS TO
MEET BILATERALLY WITH THE HONDURANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM
BUT IT APPEARS NOW THAT EL SALVADOR WOULD RELUCTANTLY
ACCEPT MEDIATION OR EVEN PRESENTATION TO INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) (REF 3) IF THERE WERE NO OTHER
SOLUTION. HE VERIFIED THAT PRESS ACCOUNT IN
HONDURAS OF HIS CONFERENCE IN ZACATECOLUCA MENTIONING
POSSIBILITY ICJ, THOUGH QTE FUZZED UP UNQTE, WAS
ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.
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